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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation has completed the review of the following amendment to the Tulare County Association of Government's (TCAG) 2008/09-2011/12 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. Description

3 State, Local and Transit Elements

Adds and modifies various projects from various funding programs in Tulare County. The amendment includes projects with funding from the Regional Surface Transportation Program, State Highway Operation and Protection Program, State Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Bridge Program, Safe Routes to School Program, Proposition 1B – Transportation Bond Program, and the Federal Transit Administration 5307, 5311 and 5316 Programs.

See Enclosure.

The TCAG Board Resolution adopting this FTIP amendment certifies that projects included meet all applicable transportation planning requirements per Title 23 Code of Federal Regulation Part 450, and satisfy the applicable air quality conformity requirements.

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Pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve TCAG's Amendment No. 3. I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2009 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP amendment, in fiscal years not within the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Joanne McDermott, of my staff, at (916) 651-7411.

Sincerely,

RACHEL FALSETTI

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Karina O'Connor – EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure) Lisa Hanf – EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure) George Finney, Executive Director, TCAG